

~~Any Public Involvement~~

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NM ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear sir:

Over the past several months, the Environmental Remediation Committee of the CAB has received information on off-site contamination from potential release sites on LANL property. Much of this information is neither complete nor timely and not in a form we can readily understand. The purpose of this note is to ask if you are presently contemplating or could consider a public meeting at which time we could become aware of the presence of radioactive and other hazardous chemicals in underground water sources, canyon sediments, runoff and vegetation.

We understand that your oversight division has the responsibility (with the support of the DOE) for monitoring and reporting on various degrees of environmental contamination as it might concern the public in communities bordering the lab. We have also become aware that your resources are limited, that qualified technical personnel must share this responsibility with other duties, that the computer logging the information is not capable of trend analysis and that there can be considerable delays in releasing appropriate information to the public.

The second reason for writing to you is to share a recommendation which received strong support from our Citizens Advisory Board and the public attending our May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Is it feasible for us to sit down with some of your people and other experts on the subject to develop a more intensive program for monitoring off-site contamination of our environment? I realize that you and the DOE have worked out a co-operative arrangement for dealing with this serious matter but, we feel the public is entitled to share in this arrangement and have their concerns considered.

Our committee would be glad to meet with you in the near future to discuss the possibilities of fulfilling the above requests.

Sincerely,

H. L. Daneman

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Cc: E/R Committee (CAB), DOE, LANL, EPA



## **RECOMMENDATION**

**May 8, 1997**

**Moved by: \_ER/WM Committee \_\_\_\_\_**

**Passed: May 13, 1997**

Concerning the detection of off-site contamination due to hazardous materials located at various potential release sites at LANL:

the CAB recommends the establishment of a formal program of surveillance, monitoring, laboratory analysis, trend analysis and reporting to result in information adequate for the purpose of prioritizing environmental remediation projects.

It is further recommended that this program be operated and managed by the NMED with oversight from the EPA and with adequate funding from the DOE.